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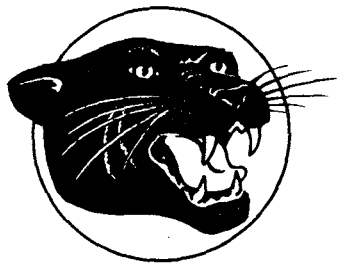
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--A recently organized women's athletic conference including ten universities in five midwestern states has been officially named the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The announcement was made today by President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., of Eastern Illinois University, first president of the Presidents' Council of the GCAC.

Marvin said the CGAC is a name change from the Midwest Collegiate Athletic Conference, organized a few weeks ago. The change became necessary, he said, when it was learned a men's Division III conference had the name.

Members of the CGAC are:

Bradley University, Peoria; Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; Eastern Illinois University, Charleston; Illinois State University, Normal; Indiana State University, Terre Haute; Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Southwest Missouri University, Springfield; Western Illinois University, Macomb; and Wichita State (Kansas) University.

The new name was selected, in part, because the conference's meetings will be in St. Louis, the "Gateway Arch City."

The Presidents' Council has approved the constitution and bylaws and the conference will become operational this fall.

The GCAC will have Division I status. Marvin said conference titles will be determined in the first year of operation and that NCAA approval had been received for automatic post-season play by volleyball

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and basketball champions. Softball is expected to be recognized the same way, he said.

In addition to volleyball and basketball, softball is a designated sport. The conference will maintain a minimum of six NCAA-recognized sports, including the three designated sports.

A commissioner will administer the conference and a search committee for the employment of the commissioner has been established.